

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I mistakenly voted "no" on Rollcall Vote 523, the Shadeegg of Arizona amendment to H.R. 2641. I should have voted "aye."

U.N. WORLD REFUGEE DAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor U.N. World Refugee Day. Some 40 million people worldwide are uprooted by violence and persecution.

It is likely that in the future we will see even more people on the run—as a growing number of push factors compound one another to create conditions for further forced displacement.

People do not just flee persecution and war but also injustice, exclusion, environmental pressures, competition for scarce resources and all the miserable human consequences of dysfunctional states. We need to rise together to advocate for the plight of refugees.

We need to raise global awareness to remedy the conditions for which people are forced to leave their homes and become refugees.

IN HONOR OF PINE-RICHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the faculty and staff of Pine-Richland Middle School in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. Pine-Richland Middle School was recently given the extraordinary honor of being designated as a School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform, a distinction bestowed upon only 34 middle schools nationwide this year.

In order to become recognized as a School to Watch, middle schools must meet rigorous criteria set forth by the National Forum. To comply with these standards, schools must not only promote academic excellence among their students, but also provide adolescents with an environment that is sensitive to and supportive of their particular developmental needs. Additionally, schools must ensure that their resources are used equitably to assist and challenge students at all levels of achievement.

By earning recognition as a School to Watch, Pine-Richland Middle School has demonstrated its commitment to providing the best possible education to every one of its students. I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the talented faculty and staff who earned this award. Every day, they dedicate themselves to the task of producing enlightened students and virtuous citizens. I commend them for their work and wish them continued success.

MARSH ELEMENTARY STUDENTS CHOSEN AS THE WINNER OF THE 2007 TOSHIBA/NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION EXPLORA VISION AWARDS

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to honor a group of students from Marsh Elementary School in Rockford, Illinois, for their selection as the winner of the 2007 Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association Explora Vision Awards.

Each year, students in grades K–12 around the Nation compete in the Explora Vision program, which is designed to encourage students to combine their imagination with their knowledge of science and technology to explore visions of the future. Teams of students select a technology, research how it works and why it was invented, and then project how that technology may change in the future. They must then identify what breakthroughs are required for their vision to become a reality and describe the positive and negative consequences of their technology on society.

I am honored to have these students in the district that I am privileged to represent. I support them wholeheartedly as they pursue different areas of technological research at such an early age. I hope that their experiences will kindle an interest in science and technology that could possibly lead to a career in these fields.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF BART DIRECTOR THOMAS E. MARGRO

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise with the support of my colleagues, Hon. NANCY PELOSI, Hon. ANNA G. ESHOO, Hon. MIKE HONDA, Hon. BARBARA LEE, Hon. TOM LANTOS, Hon. ZOE LOFGREN, Hon. JERRY MCNERNEY, Hon. GEORGE MILLER, Hon. PETE STARK, Hon. LYNN WOOLSEY of California, in the House of Representatives—to recognize

Thomas E. Margro who has served the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District as general manager since September 1996.

Mr. Margro is the longest serving general manager in the district's history and held the post of assistant general manager, transit system development from 1990 to 1995, after a distinguished career with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

Mr. Margro guided the development, design, and construction of the \$2.7 billion BART extensions program, expanding the system in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Mateo including extensions to Pittsburg/Bay Point, Dublin/Pleasanton, and also spearheaded the successful modernization of the district with a 10 year, \$1.2 billion system renovation program.

In addition, he lead the development of the \$1.5 billion San Francisco Airport, SFO, extension in partnership with the Bay Area congressional delegation, which created a state-of-the-art train to plane connection at SFO and also created an 9.8, 5-station extension through the Peninsula cities of Colma, South San Francisco, Bruno, Millbrae and Burlingame.

Mr. Margro also partnered with the Bay Area congressional delegation to highlight the security needs of transit systems, and advocated for additional Federal transit dollars and greater regional cooperation to ensure that BART riders would receive their fair share of Federal security dollars.

Along with the Bay Area congressional delegation, he successfully partnered to boost the amount of transit dollars returning to California as a part of the SAFETEA-LU authorization process—successfully getting significant increases in BART formula funding through that process.

Managing the district through difficult financial times, Mr. Margro ensured that BART maintained a stellar safety record, a 92 percent on-time performance rating and an 85 percent customer satisfaction rating all the while; the efforts culminated in BART being awarded the coveted title " #1 Transit System in America" in 2004 by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

The members of the San Francisco Bay area congressional delegation recognize the immeasurable contribution Mr. Margro has made to the bay area region and we wish him success and happiness in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK DENZINGER AND JOEL WHITE

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on Monday evening, June 18, 2007, the community of Floyd County, Indiana, experienced a tragic event that resulted in the loss of two lives. Two members of the Floyd County Sheriff's

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